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NEW BOSTON MAN GUILTY
IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OFFENSE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced that Richard Hawes, 64, of New Boston, appeared in United States District Court on March 31, 2006 and pled guilty to transportation of child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C.A. § 2252A.

The defendant was arrested in June of 2005, after the Manchester Police Department was notified by an employee of the CVS on South Willow Street that an individual had developed pornographic photographs of a child in a film developing kiosk in that store. Around the same time, a CVS employee from Nashua reported to Nashua police that an individual had developed photographs of the same nature in that store. An investigation by both police departments revealed that the photographs were of the same child. After unsuccessful attempts to identify the individual who had developed the photographs or the child depicted, images of the child's face were released to the national media with a request for assistance from the public in identifying the child. Within a day the child was identified as a family member of Hawes in Florida with whom Hawes had recently been visiting.

United States Attorney Colantuono stated: "Child pornography is an evil that cannot be tolerated in any way. Persons who produce and possess this material are committing serious federal crimes and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." Attorney Colantuono praised the Manchester and Nashua Police Departments for continuing their diligent work in bringing to justice those who would collect and trade child pornography.

The defendant, who entered a non-negotiated plea, will be sentenced in August. He faces five to twenty years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000.00. After any period of incarceration he could be placed on federal probation for up to life. This case is being prosecuted by Helen White Fitzgibbon.

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